Introduced by Senator Chesbro

February 21, 2003

An act to amend Section 76001 48800 of the Education Code, relating to education finance educational enrichment.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 905, as amended, Chesbro. Education finance Educational enrichment: concurrent enrollment of pupils in high school and community college: Santa Rosa Junior College.

Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges. Existing law authorizes the establishment of community college districts under the administration of community college governing boards, and authorizes these districts to provide instruction at community college campuses throughout the state. Existing law authorizes the governing board of a community college district to admit to any community college under its jurisdiction as a special part-time student a high school pupil who is determined by the governing board of his or her school district of attendance to be likely to benefit from advanced scholastic or vocational work.

Existing law authorizes a principal to recommend a pupil as a special student pursuant to rules and regulations adopted by the governing board of the school district, but prohibits the principal from recommending a number of pupils who have completed a particular grade in excess of 5% of the total number of pupils in the school who have completed that grade immediately prior to the time of recommendation. *Existing law also requires that a principal may only*

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recommend a pupil as a special student if that pupil demonstrates adequate preparation in the discipline to be studied and exhausts all opportunities to enroll in an equivalent course, if any, at his or her school of attendance.

This bill would provide that this 5% limit does not apply to a high school from which pupils are recommended for concurrent enrollment at Santa Rosa Junior College delete the requirement that a principal may only recommend a pupil who demonstrates adequate preparation in the discipline to be studied and who exhausts all opportunities to enroll in an equivalent course, if any, at his or her school of attendance.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

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SECTION 1. Section 48800 of the Education Code is amended to read:

48800. (a) The governing board of a school district may determine which pupils would benefit from advanced scholastic or vocational work. The intent of this section is to provide educational enrichment opportunities for a limited number of eligible pupils, rather than to reduce current course requirements of elementary and secondary schools. The governing board may authorize those pupils, upon recommendation of the principal of the pupil's school of attendance, and with parental consent, to attend a community college during any session or term as special part-time or full-time students and to undertake one or more courses of instruction offered at the community college level.

- (b) If the governing board denies a request for a special part-time or full-time enrollment at a community college for any session or term for a pupil who is identified as highly gifted, the board shall issue its written recommendation and the reasons for the denial within 60 days. The written recommendation and denial shall be issued at the next regularly scheduled board meeting that falls at least 30 days after the request has been submitted.
- (c) The students *pupils* shall receive credit for community college courses that they complete at the level determined appropriate by the school district and community college district governing boards.

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(d) (1) The principal of a school may only recommend a pupil for community college summer session if that pupil meets all of the following criteria:

- (A) Demonstrates adequate preparation in the discipline to be studied.
- (B) Exhausts all opportunities to enroll in an equivalent course, if any, at his or her school of attendance.
- (2) For any particular grade level, a principal may not recommend for community college summer session attendance more than 5 percent of the total number of pupils who completed that grade immediately prior to the time of recommendation.
- (3) Notwithstanding Article 3 (commencing with Section 33050) of Chapter 1 of Part 20, compliance with this subdivision may not be waived.

amended to read:

- 76001. (a) The governing board of a community college district may admit to any community college under its jurisdiction as a special part-time student any student who is eligible to attend community college pursuant to Section 48800.
- (b) If the governing board denies a request for a special part-time enrollment at a community college for a pupil who is identified as highly gifted, the board shall record its findings and the reasons for denial of the request in writing within 60 days. The written recommendation and denial shall be issued at the next regularly scheduled board meeting that falls at least 30 days after the request has been submitted.
- (e) The attendance of a pupil at community college as a special part-time student pursuant to this section is authorized attendance, for which the community college shall be credited or reimbursed pursuant to Section 48802. Credit for courses completed shall be at the level determined to be appropriate by the school district and community college district governing boards.
- (d) For purposes of this section, a special part-time student may enroll in up to, and including, 12 units per semester, or the equivalent thereof, at the community college.
- (e) The governing board of a community college district may admit to any community college under its jurisdiction as a special full-time student any pupil who is eligible to attend community college pursuant to Section 48800.5, and who, in the opinion of the college president, could benefit from the course or class.

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(f) If the governing board denies a request for a special full-time enrollment for a pupil who is identified as highly gifted, the board shall record its findings and the reasons for denial of the request in writing within 60 days. The written recommendation and denial shall be issued at the next regularly scheduled board meeting that falls at least 30 days after the request has been submitted.

- (g) The attendance of a pupil at a community college as a special full-time student pursuant to this section is authorized attendance, for which the community college shall be credited pursuant to Section 48800.5.
- (h) The governing board of a community college district may admit to the summer session of any community college under its jurisdiction as a special student any student, with parental consent:
- (1) Whose admission to summer session is recommended by the principal of the school that the student attends.
- (2) Who has demonstrated adequate preparation in the discipline to be studied.
- (3) Who has availed himself or herself of all opportunities to enroll in an equivalent course at his or her school of attendance.
- (i) A principal may recommend a pupil as a special student pursuant to rules and regulations that may be adopted by the governing board of the school district. The principal of a school shall not recommend a number of pupils who have completed a particular grade in excess of 5 percent of the total number of pupils in the school who have completed that grade immediately prior to the time of recommendation. This 5-percent limit does not apply to a high school from which pupils are recommended for concurrent enrollment at Santa Rosa Junior College.
- (j) The attendance of a special summer session student at a community college pursuant to this section shall be credited to the district maintaining the community college for the purposes of allowances and apportionments from the State School Fund. The student shall receive credit for community college courses that he or she completes, in a manner determined to be appropriate by the governing boards of the school district and the community college district.
- (k) Subdivisions (a) to (g), inclusive, and Sections 48800 to 48802, inclusive, do not apply to the special students authorized

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- to be admitted to a community college summer session pursuant
 to this section.